

HOUSE RESOLUTION 213

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sidney Raphael Branch upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.26 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.4 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Raphael Branch of Shelby County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Branch is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Sidney Raphael Branch upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award,

applaud his outstanding community leadership, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.